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**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO  
DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND BUILDING  
STAFF REPORT**

**SUBDIVISION REVIEW BOARD**

MEETING DATE September 14, 2015	CONTACT/PHONE Stephanie Fuhs (805)781-5721 sfuhs@co.slo.ca.us	APPLICANT Mark Lindgren	FILE NO. CO 15-0024 SUB2014-00047
<b>SUBJECT</b> Hearing to consider a request by <b>MARK LINDGREN</b> for a Tentative Parcel Map (CO15-0024) to subdivide an existing 5.5 acre parcel into two parcels of 3.5 and 2 acres for the purpose of sale and/or development. The proposal also includes abandonment of a portion of the Estancia Lane right-of-way shown on Tract 681. The proposed Parcel 2 (two acre parcel) is currently undeveloped and could result in the disturbance of approximately 15,000 square feet of the parcel depending on the size of any proposed residences and/or accessory structures. The proposed project is within the Residential Suburban land use category, and is located at 3565 Sequoia Drive, east of Orcutt Road, adjacent to the southeastern limit of the City of San Luis Obispo. The site is in the San Luis Obispo sub area of the San Luis Obispo planning area.			
<b>RECOMMENDED ACTION</b> 1. Adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration in accordance with the applicable provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq. 2. Approve Tentative Parcel Map CO15-0024 based on the findings listed in Exhibit A and the conditions listed in Exhibit B.			
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION</b> The Environmental Coordinator, after completion of the initial study, finds that there is no substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report is not necessary. Therefore, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq., and CA Code of Regulations Section 15000 et seq.) has been issued on August 6, 2015 for this project. Mitigation measures are proposed to address Air Quality, Biological Resources, Public Services and Utilities, Recreation, Transportation and Circulation, Water and Land Use and are included as conditions of approval.			
LAND USE CATEGORY Residential Suburban	COMBINING DESIGNATION Airport Review Area	ASSESSOR PARCEL NUMBER 076-532-030	SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) 3
<b>PLANNING AREA STANDARDS:</b> 22.96.060F.1 – San Luis Obispo Urban Area Standards for the Residential Suburban land use category			
<b>LAND USE ORDINANCE STANDARDS:</b> Superseded by Planning Area standards			
<b>EXISTING USES:</b> Single family residence, detached workshop and pool with cabana building			
<b>SURROUNDING LAND USE CATEGORIES AND USES:</b> <i>North:</i> City of San Luis Obispo/Residences <i>East:</i> Residential Suburban/Residences <i>South:</i> Residential Suburban/Residences <i>West:</i> Residential Suburban/Residences			
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OTHER AGENCY / ADVISORY GROUP INVOLVEMENT: The project was referred to: Public Works, Environmental Health, County Parks, CalFire, Airport Manager, City of San Luis Obispo	
TOPOGRAPHY: Gently sloping	VEGETATION: Grasses, scattered oaks, pines and sycamores, ornamental landscaping
PROPOSED SERVICES: Water supply: Community system Sewage Disposal: Individual septic system Fire Protection: CalFire	ACCEPTANCE DATE: June 9, 2015

## ORDINANCE COMPLIANCE

### *Minimum Parcel Size*

Normally the minimum parcel size for a property designated Residential Suburban is between one and three acres, however, planning area standards for properties within Tract 681 as described in the San Luis Obispo Area Plan require a minimum parcel size of two acres (see discussion below).

### *Quimby Fees*

Title 21, the Real Property Division Ordinance, establishes an in-lieu fee for all new land divisions for the purpose of developing new, or rehabilitating existing, park or recreational facilities to serve future residents of the land division. Payment of the parkland fee for all undeveloped parcels is required prior to map recordation.

### *Inclusionary Housing Fees*

Inclusionary housing standards created under Ordinance 3169 (establishing Land Use Ordinance section 22.12.080) and Ordinance 3171 (establishing Title 29 of the County Code) were adopted by the Board of Supervisors on December 9, 2008. These ordinances are effective as of January 8, 2009. This project is not subject to the adopted ordinance because it involves construction of less than two primary dwelling units (one additional primary and two guesthouses could be built with this project).

### *Design Standards*

The proposed parcels are consistent with the design criteria set forth in Chapter 3 of the Title 21 of the Real Property Division Ordinance.

## PLANNING AREA STANDARDS

*Section 22.96.060F.1 – San Luis Obispo Urban Area Standards for Residential Suburban, Tract 681* – The standards in this section include a minimum parcel size of two acres and a restriction that limits subdivision of existing parcels into only two parcels total. The standards also exclude construction of secondary dwellings. As proposed, the project meets these standards.

## COMBINING DESIGNATIONS

*Airport Review Area:* The project is within the Airport review area for the San Luis Obispo Regional Airport. The project was referred to the Airport Manager, but no comments were received. The County's airport planner found the project consistent with the airport land use plan and recommended a condition be added to the project for an aviation easement to be recorded with the final map. This condition has been added to the project.

## ROAD ABANDONMENT

The project proposes to abandon a portion of the Tejon Court right-of-way that is located on Proposed Parcel 2 and the entire right-of-way for Alendanos Court that is located on Proposed Parcel 1. When Tract 681 was recorded in 1982, this subdivision was considered a likely location for annexation by the City of San Luis Obispo, so Tract 681 recorded rights-of-way for future road alignments to provide for roadways to serve a higher density development similar to the residential single family neighborhoods to the north currently within the City limits. In the thirty years since Tract 681 was recorded, the City of San Luis Obispo has recently annexed property to the west along Orcutt Road and considers the properties within Tract 681 to be part of the City's greenbelt. Since future annexation appears unlikely in the future, the abandonment of the rights-of-way has been part of the majority of the subdivisions processed within Tract 681.

## AGENCY REVIEW

**Public Works** - Recommends conditions for access and improvements, improvement plans, utilities, fees and an additional map sheet

**Environmental Health** - Provide stocks for community water and on-site septic, soil testing for the undeveloped parcel, and documentation of any maintenance issues with the existing wastewater system

**Airport Manager** – Require an aviation easement

**County Parks** – No comments received

**CalFire** – Responded that there are no concerns with the project.

**City of San Luis Obispo** - Project is inconsistent with the City's policies because the property is within City's Greenbelt Area which requires a minimum 20 acre parcel size, open space easements for undeveloped areas, and protection of natural communities.

## STAFF COMMENTS

Environmental Health requested documentation of any maintenance issues with the existing wastewater system. *The property owner provided a letter stating that the existing system has not had any maintenance problems and has been inspected and maintained properly.*

The City of San Luis Obispo referral response stated that the project is inconsistent with City policies pertaining to areas within the City Greenbelt area. *When Tract 681 was recorded in 1982, the site was within the City of San Luis Obispo Urban Reserve Line and was anticipated to be annexed into the City. The original map showed offers of dedication for proposed street alignments that would connect to existing City streets to the north of the subdivision. County policies were adopted specific to Tract 681 that limited any new parcel size to two acres and limited residential density to one primary residence and a guesthouse, with no secondary dwellings allowed. These County policies will only allow each parcel to be subdivided once and will limit the development potential as described above. These limits on future development will keep large areas of the entire subdivision in open space. No mitigation measures requiring open space easements are being recommended because the project is consistent with adopted County policies.*

## LEGAL LOT STATUS

The one lot was legally created by a recorded map (Tract 681) at a time when that was a legal method of creating lots.

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